



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2014**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

**PRESENT:** Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman  
Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman  
Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman  
Steven C. Stockman, Councilman  
Scott Cain, Councilman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** John E. Caldwell, Councilman

**MEDIA:** Kevin Boozer, Newberry Observer  
Tammy Kitchen, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order and determined a quorum present. He noted that Mr. Caldwell was out of town and would not be present for the meeting.

Mr. Waldrop led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Hipp motioned to adopt the Agenda; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

## 2. **Newberry County Service Awards**

Chairman Livingston presented the following service awards: Gary Ball, custodial Services (absent) – 5 years; Autrice Griffin, Sheriff's Office (absent) – 10 years; Sharon McClanahan, Sheriff's Office (absent) – 10 years; Teresa Powers, Economic Development Director – 10 years; and Judy Sanders, Magistrate's Office – 20 years.

## 3. **Ordinance #07-11-14: An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement in the amount not exceeding \$1,265,000 relating to the purchase of certain equipment by Newberry County, authorizing the execution of other necessary documents and papers, and other matters relating thereto.**

Mr. Adams reported that annually Council utilizes lease purchase to acquire durable goods and rolling stock of significant financial commitment. Over the past four years, this has been used for fire trucks, ambulances, and rescue vehicles. This year, the lease purchase includes upgrades to: fire service radio system (specifically moving to a simulcast repeater system on the fire channel), twenty-four self-contained breathing apparatuses for fire fighters, fifteen solid waste compactors for single stream recycling and two modular ambulances. He said all of these items were contained in the annual budget.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #07-11-14; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

## 4. **Resolution #05-14: A Resolution accepting Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) and South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (SCAC) Grant for rehabilitation and expansion of the Airport Terminal Apron.**

Mr. Adams reported that approval of this Resolution is a requirement of the grant which is coming from both the State and the Federal Aviation Authority. The items pertaining to this will be discussed more as Agenda Item #6.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Resolution #05-14; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

## 5. **Resolution #06-14: A Resolution honoring Mrs. Cleo Epting Wise on her 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mr. Adams read Resolution #06-14 into the record:

**WHEREAS**, Newberry County Council is honored to recognize Mrs. Cleo Epting Wise who has reached an important milestone in life; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Wise was born in Chapin, South Carolina on July 16, 1909, and is the second of seven children born to the late Herbert Lake and Mattie Wiggers Epting; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Wise has lived her entire adult life in Newberry County and is a member of Saint James Lutheran Church; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Wise has led an exemplary life before her five children, eighteen grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren, eleven great-great-grandchildren and other family members and friends; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Wise has been a faithful and devout servant of the Lord and continues to be an inspiration to all who know her.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Newberry County Council hereby honors and congratulates Mrs. Cleo Wise on her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday and presents her with a framed copy of this resolution.

**ADOPTED this 16th day of July, 2014 by Newberry County Council.**

Resolution #06-14 was unanimously approve by Council.

Family members present accepted the framed Resolution on behalf of Mrs. Wise.

## **6. Consideration of Bids for Airport Apron Expansion and Rehabilitation**

Mrs. Waldrop reported that staff received two bids on June 11, 2014, for the airport apron. One from Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$969,851.20 and the other from McClam and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,032,405.60. The majority of this project will be funded by grants for the FAA and the State. She said Judy Elder with Talbert & Bright was available to answer any questions.

Mr. Adams said this is all total a \$1.1 million dollar project. The County's obligation is only \$56,242.00 with the State matching this amount (\$56,242.00) and the remaining \$1,012,345.00 comes from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Mr. Hipp asked Ms. Elder if she had any questions if the two bidders are totally committed to the specifications.

Ms. Elder said both are committed and certified and she did not have any questions regarding the qualifications of the low bidder.

Chairman Livingston invited Mr. W.F. (Troup) Partridge III to the podium to speak as he had signed up for comments regarding the airport.

Mr. Partridge thanked Council for the opportunity to address them tonight and said he does with great pride as the Legislative Delegation's appointee on the Airport Commission. He wanted to praise Council and say thank you for standing by and committing to the airport. There is no other investment in which you can contribute \$56,000.00 and get over 1 million dollars back in instant return. There is no better way to

showcase Newberry for growth in the future or to support enterprise as a magnet attraction. The terminal building needs some improvements but we have a great facility and continuing to keep it up and improve it is a very smart investment for Newberry County. He commended Council for recognizing this and for doing so.

Mr. Cain commented that the airport makes the continuous loop for all of our infrastructure logistical issues along with the interstate and railroad to be able to showcase the Mega-Site. Upgrading the airport will entice corporate jets to come in and service economic development in this region and this is hugely important for our county and the entire region.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve the low bid from Satterfield Construction Co., in the amount of \$969,851.20; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

## **7. Appointments**

Mr. Hipp (with Mr. Koon's concurrence) nominated Mr. Bob Burch for an appointment to the Newberry Co. Hospital Board representing District 5; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Koon nominated Mr. Dwight McDuffie for reappointment to the Joint Planning Commission representing District 4; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Koon nominated Mrs. Tammy Kitchen for an appointment to the Accommodations Tax Commission representing the cultural arena; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

## **8. Committee Meetings**

### **a. Finance Committee 7/14/14**

Mrs. Cromer reported that the Finance Committee met on Monday and the following was presented:

- Mr. West, Facilities Manager, gave an update on Capital Projects
- Discussion of Hwy. 219 property
- Mr. Adams and Mr. DuBose presented options for funding of paid fire services.

## **9. Public Comments**

No comments.

## **10. Executive Session**

a. Mr. Adams reported that staff would like an Executive Session under §30-4-70(a)(2) of the SC Code of Laws for discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.  
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Mr. Hipp motioned to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**Executive Session [7:16 p.m. - 7:48 p.m.]**

Mr. Hipp motioned to return to Open Session; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Adams reported that Council met in Executive Session for the stated purpose and no action was taken in that session.

**11. Comments/Request from Administrator**

No comments.

**12. Comments/Request from Council Members**

No comments.

**13. Future Meetings**

- a. No County Council Meeting on 8/6/14
- b. Public Safety and Courts Committee 8/11/14 @ 6:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 8/20/14 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. Public Works and Planning Committee 8/25/14 @ 6:00 p.m.

**14. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**